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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re:	Patent Application of Kazuo OKAMOTO <i>et al.</i>	: Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned : : :
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Appln. No.:	09/844,565	: Examiner: : :
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For:	TRANSMISSION APPARATUS OF VIDEO INFORMATION, TRANSMISSION SYSTEM OF VIDEO INFORMATION AND TRANSMISSION METHOD OF VIDEO INFORMATION	: Attorney Docket : No. 8861-409US : (P25560-01) : :

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Simultaneously with the filing of the above-identified application with which this Preliminary Amendment is being filed, and prior to the calculation of the filing fee, Applicant hereby amends the application as follows, without prejudice:

**In the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please delete the CLAIMS section and replace it with the new CLAIMS section, shown in clean form attached hereto, having the bracketed additions and stricken deletions as shown in the attached marked-up version.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 to 18 are pending in the application.

The purpose of this amendment is to place the claims in appropriate U.S. form